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SUBJ: NUCLEAR TESTING RESOLUTION IN SOUTH PACIFIC
CONFERENCE REPORT

REF: STATE 186755 WHICH REPEATS CINCPACREP GUAM/TTPI
SEPT. 19.

1. AS FAR AS EMBASSY CAN DETERMINE FROM DFA, AUSTRALIA
WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTING CONFERENCE REPORT,
INCLUDING TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON NUCLEAR TESTING. THEIR
DELEGATION APPARENTLY INSTRUCTED IF POSSIBLE IN THIS
CONNECTION TO HAVE PHRASEOLOGY INSERTED TO EFFECT THAT
WHILE RESOLUTION WAS NOT ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY IN CON-
FERENCE, IT STILL REFLECTS UNANIMOUS ISLANDER'S OPINION
AGAINST CONTINUATION OF FRENCH TESTING. RATIONALE FOR
THIS STATEMENT WOULD BE THAT ISLAND COUNTRIES VOTING
AGAINST INCLUSION OF RESOLUTION IN CONFERENCE REPORT
DID SO FAR IN ORDER NOT TO OFFEND FRENCH DELEGATE
TO CONFERENCE AND NOT BECAUSE THEY FAVORED NUCLEAR
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TESTING. AUSTRALIANS BELIEVE STATEMENT AS GIVEN ABOVE

IS IMPORTANT PART OF CONFERENCE REPORT, PARTICULARLY
SINCE IT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO UN IN DUE COURSE.
AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION WAS CAUTIONED NOT TO PUCH IN-
SERTION OF FOREGOING STATEMENT IF IT APPEARS IT COULD
LEAD TO FRENCH WITHDRAWAL FROM ORGANIZATION.

2. WITH REGARD TO "NOTING" VOTE IN COMMISSION MEETING
ON CONFERENCE REPORT, DFA DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE SENT
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS DELEGATION. ASSUMPTION,
HOWEVER, IS THAT AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION WILL SUPPORT
MOTION TO "NOTE" CONFERENCE REPORT EITHER AS SUBSTAN-
TIVE OR PROCEEDURAL MATTER. THIS POSITION OF COURSE
IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT PITH AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDE
TOWARD FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE PACIFIC.

3. INFORMATION
PROVIDED BY DFA CONTAINS CAVEAT THAT "ALL OUR EXPERTS
ON SPC ARE IN GUAM."

4. EMBASSY IS NOT IN POSITION TO UNDERSTAND TACTICAL
SITUATION IN SPC SINCE WE HAVE NOT
RECEIVED COPIES OF CUMMUNICATIONS OR DOCUMENTS
CONCERNING THIS CONFERENCE OR ISSUES INVOLVED IN IT.
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